District Court—Irinjalakkuda—starting of.

20. **Mr. A. V. Moothedan.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether there is a proposal to start a District Court at Irinjalakkuda;

(b) have the Government considered that Chalakkudi is a more suitable place for a District Court?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—(a) No.

(b) In view of the answer to (a), this does not arise.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan.—May I know, Sir, whether the subject of a District Court at Irinjalakkuda has been brought to the notice of the Government recently?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—Yes.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan.—At what stage is that subject now?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—The matter has been decided as the answer itself clearly shows. The question was referred to the Chief Court and on analysis of statistics with regard to cases of local jurisdiction they found that it is undesirable and that there will not be sufficient work for a District Court at Irinjalakuda.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan.—Are the Government aware that the District Court here is congested and that the Judge is seated in the Verandah?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—Government are not aware that the District Judge is seated in the verandah.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan.—The second Additional Judge is practically seated in the verandah.

Mr. A. Narayana Menon.—Are the Government aware that when the jurisdiction of Mukundapuram was transferred to Trichur we required an additional Judge there?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—We have not compared statistics.

Re—organisation of the Chief Court.

21. **Mr. Shabdai S. Koder.**—Will the Government be pleased to state whether it is a fact that the Chief Court is going to be re-organised with five Judges instead of three in view of the development of the Cochin Harbour?

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